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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF, CVIS, LE

SUBJECT: SPONSORSHIP OF CONDITIONAL ENTRY APPLICANTS

REF: STATE 191823

1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, PROCESSING OF CONDITIONAL ENTRANTS UNDER SECTION 203(A)7 IS ENTIRELY UNDER INS JURISDICTION.

2. INS REPRESENTATIVE ATHENS TELLS US THAT ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE PROCESSED THROUGH VOLUNTARY AGENCY, WHETHER PRIVATE SPONSOR IS AVAILABLE OR NOT. THIS IS WORLD-WIDE PROCEDURE THAT WORKS WELL AND HAS BEEN WIDELY ACCEPTED. INS REPRESENTATIVE ADDS THAT THIS IS THE ONLY FEASIBLE WAY TO OPERATE 203(A)7 PROGRAM.

3. WE RECALL VISIT TO EMBASSY BY HOFNANIANS' U.S. CITIZEN SPONSOR. ALTHOUGH WE COULD DO NOTHING TO ASSIST UNDER 203(A)7 OTHER THAN REFER TO VOLAG, WE DID PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE FOR REGULAR IV APPLICATION.

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4. FYI: DURING INS REPRESENTATIVE'S PERIODIC VISITS  
HERE TO PROCESS 203(A)7 CASES, WE DO PROVIDE SOME  
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, INCLUDING RECEPTIONSIST, FINGER  
PRINTING, AND CLEARANCES. WE CANNOT RPT NOT, HOWEVER,  
PROVIDE COMPLETE PROCESSING OF CASES, NOR, TO OUR  
KNOWLEDGE, IS THIS DONE BY OTHER POSTS. PRIMARY  
DIFFICULTY WITH REFUGEE PROGRAM HERE NOW IS LARGE NUMBER  
OF APPLICANTS WHO HAVE ATTEMPTED QUALIFY UNDER 203(A)7 IN  
COMPARISON STRICTLY LIMITED QUANTITY 203(A)7 VISA NUMBERS  
AVAILABLE FOR INS PROCESSING. THIS HAS RESULTED IN SUCH  
LARGE BACKLOG THAT VOLAGS COMPELLED STOP ROUTINELY REGIS-  
TERING NEW CASES. VOLAGS ACCEPTING ONLY VERY EXCEPTIONAL  
CASES IN WHICH THERE IS CLEAR EVIDENCE INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT  
HAS SUFFERED SEVERE PERSECUTION. IN MEANTIME, INS HOPES HAVE  
LARGER QUANTITY OF 203(A)7 VISA NUMBERS FOR USE HERE THIS  
FISCAL YEAR. IF SO, INS SHOULD BE ABLE REDUCE OR  
ELIMINATE BACKLOG.  
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